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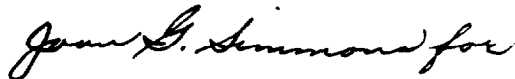
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

This letter is to bring you up to date on the status of proposal B7-2255R requesting support for a Stanford-Pavia exchange program in genetics and molecular biology.

To date we have not heard from the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche that they are willing to commit funds for the Italian part of the proposed exchange program. As you know, until such a statement is received, we cannot act on your request. Several weeks ago, the NSF again informed the CNR of our present intent to support the project and inquired specifically about the status of the Italian part of the program. We have not received a reply yet. I must inform you that I shall have to commit all of the Genetic Biology Program's remaining funds for this fiscal year soon; and unless we hear from the CNR shortly, I shall have to defer decision about support for this exchange program until the next fiscal year. I also must tell you that if our fiscal situation becomes more stringent next year, the priority for this type of program will be lowered relative to support for the usual type research project. I am sure you understand the situation.

This letter is not intended to be discouraging, but I thought you might appreciate my appraisal of the situation so that your plans may be more realistic.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herman W. Lewis for".

Herman W. Lewis
Program Director for
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